

Nico's Spuntino

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What's a spuntino? In Italian it means to have a snack. At Nico's you can do that but you can also completely overfill your belly with their menu that's busting at the seams with bella cibo.

The Food: Concentrating on dishes from Southern Italy, including Sardinia and Sicily, the menu offers a huge variety of pizzas, homemade pastas, meats and cheeses. From sharing plates of seafood and cured meats to dishes of suckling pig and t-bone steak, there's something for every taste. They even have a choice of kamut and whole grain pastas for those who take issue with white wheat.

The place: It's big, airy and comfy. There's room to breathe and offers plenty of long tables and large booths for group dining. An elegant wall of wine lines the back of the restaurant and a chilled out bar area welcomes in the after-work masses.

Final note: It's a fun, convenient and tasty place to dine.